

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic device comprising:
a first housing;
a second housing;
5 a hinge,
wherein the first and second housings are coupled together by the hinge,
wherein a first center line of the first housing and a second center line of the second housing are in parallel with each other only in a state where the first
10 housing and the second housing are folded via the hinge.
2. A device according to claim 1,
wherein a first surface of the first housing and a second surface of the second housing oppose each other.
3. A device according to claim 1,
15 wherein one of the first and second housing includes a transmitting unit while the other of the first and second housing includes a receiving unit.
4. A device according to claim 1,
wherein one of the first and second housing includes display unit while the other of the first and second housing includes an operation key.
- 20 5. A device according to claim 1,
wherein the first and second housing are connected in a direction

selected from the group consisting of a vertical direction and a lateral direction.

6. A device according to claim 4,

wherein a symbol displayed on the display unit is changed according to a direction of the electronic device.

5 7. A device according to claim 4,

wherein the operation key includes at least a translucent button and a display portion formed under the translucent button.

8. A device according to claim 4,

10 wherein the display unit includes one selected from the group consisting of a liquid crystal display device and a light emitting device.

9. A device according to claim 4,

wherein a symbol including at least one selected from the group consisting of a letter, a character, an alphabet, a numeral and a pictograph is displayed on the display unit.

15 10. A device according to claim 4,

wherein a picture is displayed on the display unit.

11. A device according to claim 8,

20 wherein a photoelectric conversion element is formed in the one selected from the group consisting of the liquid crystal display device and the light emitting device.

12. A device according to claim 1,
wherein the electronic device is an information terminal.

13. A device according to claim 1,
wherein the electronic device is a cellular phone.

5 14. A device according to claim 1,
wherein the electronic device is a PDA (personal digital assistant).

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15. An electronic device comprising:
a first housing;
a second housing;
10 a hinge,
wherein the first and second housings are coupled together by the
hinge,
wherein each of the first and second housings has a pair of lines opposing
each other,
15 wherein one of the pair of lines has a shorter length than the other one
of the pair of lines.

16. A device according to claim 15,
wherein at least one of the first and second housing includes a display
unit,
20 wherein the display unit includes one selected from the group consisting
of a liquid crystal display device and a light emitting device.

17. A device according to claim 16,

wherein a photoelectric conversion element is formed in the one selected from the group consisting of the liquid crystal display device and the light emitting device.

5 18. A device according to claim 15,

wherein the electronic device is an information terminal.

19. A device according to claim 15,

wherein the electronic device is a cellular phone.

20. A device according to claim 15,

10 wherein the electronic device is a PDA (personal digital assistant).

21. An electronic device comprising:

a first housing;

a second housing;

a hinge,

15 wherein the first and second housings are coupled together by the hinge,

wherein each of the first and second housings has a trapezoid shape.

22. A device according to claim 21,

wherein at least one of the first and second housing includes a display

20 unit,

wherein the display unit includes one selected from the group consisting

of a liquid crystal display device and a light emitting device.

23. A device according to claim 22,

wherein a photoelectric conversion element is formed in the one selected from the group consisting of the liquid crystal display device and the light emitting
5 device.

24. A device according to claim 21,

wherein the electronic device is an information terminal.

25. A device according to claim 21,

wherein the electronic device is a cellular phone.

10 26. A device according to claim 21,

wherein the electronic device is a PDA (personal digital assistant).